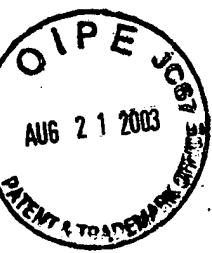


L-345/146]

H 11 / Notice
of Appeal
OKD
10/9/03

(IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE)



Applicants: Wolfgang Dultz et al.

Serial No.: 09/786,826

filed: June 15, 2001

Title: Optical Communications Link

Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Michael C. Zarroli

RECEIVED
AUG 25 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service as first class mail in
an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
on August 14, 2003
by: Audrey J. Slade
UNDA M. STUDY Reg. No. 47084

NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a) AND TRANSMISSION
OF AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals
and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in
the Final Office Action mailed on February 14, 2003 finally
rejecting claims 15, 17 and 20.

This is also a Request pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)
by which Applicants respectfully request a three month
extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office
Action so that the original three month period is
extended from May 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003. An

[2345/46]
09/786,826

Amendment is being filed concurrently (attached hereto) with this Notice of Appeal.

The Amendment / Notice of Appeal + Request for Extension + Transmittal are hand-printed due to an extensive power outage in the Northeastern U.S., affecting New York City where Applicants' attorney and file reside. Applicants pray that this Notice of Appeal, Extension Request and Amendment and fees are accepted.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge the 37 CFR § 1.411 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be \$320.00 and the 37 CFR § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee, which is believed to be \$930.00, and the additional net independent claim fee of \$84.00, to the deposit account number 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon. The Commission is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees to deposit account number 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon. Two duplicate copies (albeit hand-printed so that content will be duplicate) of this paper(s) are enclosed for those purposes.

Dated : August 17, 2003

CUSTOMER NO. 26646

By: Linda Study
LINDA STUDY Reg. No. 47084
KENYON & KENYON

One Broadway
New York New York 10004
Tel (212) 425-7260
Fax (212) 425-5288

Page 2 of 2